

PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 22, 1953

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMAL PSB MEETING, JULY 22, 1953

Place: Office of the Deputy Secretary of Defense

Present: Messrs. Jackson, Smith, Kyes, Dulles, Stassen and Morgan.

1. Presidential TV Programs Proposed for September

Mr. Jackson outlined a proposal prepared in the White House for a radio-TV series on Project "Candor". The Board liked the proposal in general but felt that consideration should be given to asking the President to take part for the last five minutes of each show. Mr. Jackson agreed to explore this further. He is also to set up a task force to support White House preparation for the series.

2. Memorializing the June 17th Martyrs

Mr. Jackson read recommendations prepared in connection with the D-45 working group. It was agreed that as a next step Mr. Dulles would see that Mayor Reuter's views were secured. It was suggested that German groups in this country could be a major source of financial support, as could also some of the farm cooperatives. It was also pointed out that the revolt of the workers was a most significant feature of the East German uprisings and that therefore it would be useful to get the workers of the world behind the memorial movement--not only the Germans.

3. Future Handling of D-23, "U.S. Psychological Strategy with Respect to the Thai Peoples of Southeast Asia"

It was noted that this paper had been postponed on the agenda of the National Security Council. General Smith said that the Department of State would have a proposed revision of the paper ready for the Board's consideration at its next meeting.

4. Korean Reconstruction

Mr. Stassen proposed that the President should go to Congress personally in the event of a Korean armistice to report on his success and ask for the legislation necessary to support Korean reconstruction. It was agreed that this would be a desirable line of action but that alternative planning should be made in case Congressional action cannot be secured before January.

5. Proposed Congressional Resolution on Recognition of the Ukraine and Byelorussia

Mr. Jackson mentioned the progress of this item on the Hill. The Board agreed that it should not be favored at present.

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7. Pacific Science Congress

The Board decided not to endorse a request for MATS transportation for American scientists to attend the Pacific Science Congress. Mr. Jackson said that he would inform Dr. Hauge.

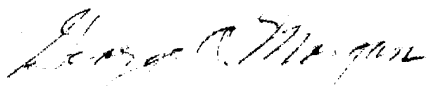
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9. Wheat for Yugoslavia

Mr. Stassen outlined the present status and possibilities of assistance to Yugoslavia.

10. California "Wetbacks"

Mr. Kyes mentioned a request to the Army to guard the Mexican border against "wetbacks" and pointed out some of the unhappy psychological consequences of such an arrangement. It was suggested that Texas Rangers or the National Guard might be more suitable. Mr. Jackson agreed to get in touch with the Attorney General about the matter.


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